

## CROYDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY

### NOTES OF THE MEETING 13.01.2015:

President Paul Elliot opened the meeting at 19.45 hours attended by 13 members. The meeting was a **MEMBERS' EVENING** at which members brought their own material under the letter **H**.



**H** is for hotel which in France has a wider meaning including mansions and large buildings. L'Hôtel des Postes is an imposing building responsible for the dispatch of mail. **Chris Hitchen** showed some rare early experimental machine cancellations and mail from the registered counters.



**Frank Simpson** showed some material from the Hansa League. This included stamps from Hamburg which was part of the League.



**Graham Harker** chose as his subject hand stamps. He showed letters in England from the nineteenth century on which hand stamps were used to cancel the letter and the stamps if it was posted after 1840.



**Alan Holverson** produced two displays. The first was the definitive stamps of Edward VII with the head of the king. The second was a variety of stamps of Hungary.



**Brian Asquith** presented some historical material which showed a variety of letters and covers from Turkey, Levant and Trieste.



**Ian Nutley** showed mail carried by the zeppelin **H**indenberg in 1936 which made a successful flight across the Atlantic Ocean on that date.



**John Ray** displayed letters from a **h**ospital in Fiji that served the Pacific area. He also showed postmarks from French Polynesia – **H**akahau, Ua Pou and **H**are, Ua **H**uka.



**Chris Board** displayed postal stationery, mainly postcards, from Switzerland between 1893 and 1947. The name of Switzerland on the material was **H**elvetia.



**David Milsted** brought some material of **H**is Royal **H**ighness King Edward VII's coronation. Some of it was dated June 26<sup>th</sup> 1902 which was the date which was originally arranged for the coronation but which had to be postponed as a result of the king suffering from appendicitis. It was rearranged for 9<sup>th</sup> August 1902.

The meeting closed at 21.45 hours after the members had viewed the displays.

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